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THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (a) The answer to the first part of the question is in the affirmative.

As regards the action taken by the Government, the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department (General and Buildings) who was consulted in the matter recommended the purchase by the Municipal Council of two Bedford Chassis in preference to the Studebaker trucks. This recommendation of the Chief Engineer has been communicated to the Municipal Council and it has been advised to reconsider its previous resolution. The reply of the Municipal Council in the matter is awaited.

" (b) The answer is in the negative. The Collector in forwarding a minute of dissent by 13 Councillors merely requested that necessary orders may be passed by the Government on the dissenting minute."

SRI T. POTHA RAJU :—" When was the Chief Engineer's opinion sent to the Municipal Council?"

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" I have no information about the date, but it was sent recently."

Local Fund Dispensary at Gulla Sitharampuram, Srikakulam district.

* 328 Q.—SRI P. PUNDARIKAKSHACHARYULU : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state whether any representations have been received by the Government not to shift the Local Fund dispensary from Gulla Sitharampuram in Palakonda taluk, Srikakulam district, and to open Health Centre there instead, and if so, what action has been taken so far?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Yes. The matter is under consideration."

SRI P. PUNDARIKAKSHACHARYULU :—" As the dispensary at Chilakalapalli where the Government propose to start a Health Centre now stands closed, will they consider the question of opening a Health Centre at Gulla Sitharamapuram where the Health Department has suggested and recommended the opening of the Health Centre?"

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The Director of Medical Services has suggested that a regular Local Fund Dispensary may be opened by the District Board at Santakavity in place of the existing rural dispensary. The District Board was asked to consider the above suggestion and communicate its views at an early date. The reply from the District Board is still awaited."

Japanese method of paddy cultivation.

* 329 Q.—SRI S. RADHAKRISHNAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Government are sending some Japanese families to Madras to demonstrate the Japanese method of paddy cultivation;